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**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the response filed January 2, 2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 19,22,27,30-34,36 and 37.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:  
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.  
 (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached  
 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application  |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                       | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>20080115</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____    | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment  |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance                         |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in an interview with Frederick Bailey on January 11, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 19 (Amended): A portal page displayed on a computing device comprising:  
a plurality of portlets;

a deactivation feature associated with at least one of the plurality of portlets to deactivate the portlet to preserve a selected content of the at least one portlet; and

a reactivation feature formed in the portal in response to the at least one portlet being deactivated; and

an electronic pane or window overlaying the at least one portlet to block all inputs of the at least one portlet while the at least one portlet is deactivated,

wherein the deactivated portlet is prevented from being moved, closed, edited, or affected.

Claim 27 (Amended): A system to control operation of a portlet, comprising:

a client device, the client device comprising a processor and a browser capable of displaying at least one portlet;

a portal server, the portal server operatively connected to the client device;

a portlet deactivation/reactivation feature operable on the portal server,

wherein the portlet deactivation/reactivation feature comprises means to deactivate a selected portlet in response to operating a deactivation feature, means to reactivate a deactivated portlet in response to operating a reactivation feature, and means for launching a new portlet similar to a deactivated portlet in response to the portal server receiving a request that calls for use of the deactivated portlet if the deactivated portlet is a singleton, and

wherein the deactivated selected portlet is prevented from being moved, closed, edited, or affected.

### **Reasons for Allowance**

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding Claim 19, the computing device limitation has been added in order make it clear that the portal page is tangibly embodied on a machine, and not merely a computer program.

Regarding Claim 27, the client device limitation has been added in order make it clear that the system is tangibly embodied on a machine, and not merely a computer program.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- a. Bernstein et al. (US 5,761,071);
- b. Goldberg et al. (US 2004/0199541);
- c. Ritchy et al. (US 2004/0183831).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Omar Abdul-Ali whose telephone number is 571-270-1694. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri(Alternate Fridays Off) 8:30 - 6:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on 571-272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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